

REMARKS

Claim 61 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chevillat, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,031,195), in view of Yang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,694,437), and further in view of Miller (U.S. Patent No. 4,805,215). Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with this rejection, claim 61 is amended herewith to incorporate the limitations of claim 62. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 61 as amended is allowable.

In Item 2 of the Office Action, the specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the subject matter of claim 63. Although Applicant submits that claim 63 is supported by the specification, claim 63 is cancelled herewith to expedite the issuance of the application.

In Item 4 of the Office Action, claims 61-63 were provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 82-84 of Application 10/681,444. Because this rejection is provisional, because 10/681,444 has not issued or been indicated to be allowable, and because the present application is otherwise allowable, Applicant submits that the provisional double-patenting rejection must be withdrawn.

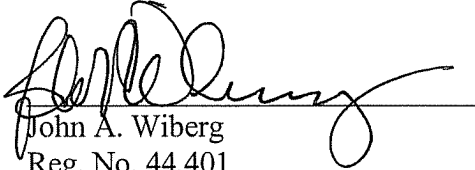
Applicant requests allowance of claims 61.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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